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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont *AB*

DATE: October 30, 1958

FROM : Mr. R. R. Roach *RR*SUBJECT: *0* CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA)

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pc By memorandum dated October 28, 1958, I furnished information concerning the "power struggle" developing within CIA as a result of the maneuvering taking place to come up with a replacement for Frank Wisner. I pointed out that Richard Helms and Lyman Kirkpatrick were two CIA officials who very likely would be considered for the job. The Liaison Agent has now developed additional information indicating that Robert Amory, who carries the title of Deputy Director, Intelligence, is making overtures for the purpose of obtaining the position left by Wisner. Like Wisner, Amory is a grade GS-18 Deputy Director. On the table of organization, he ranks as high as Wisner but his job does not carry the same prestige because the Deputy Director, Plans (Wisner's title) is in charge of vast CIA operations and it is believed that he absorbs approximately 65 to 75 per cent of the CIA budget. Amory, in turn, is primarily responsible for the coordination of positive intelligence information and the preparation of intelligence estimates. He allegedly would like to move to the other position in order to gain more prestige and power. Amory is very political minded and he realizes that by becoming Deputy Director of Plans, he would be in a more influential position to become involved in U. S. foreign policy matters. *te*

We never have regarded Amory as a friend and it is strongly believed that he is not interested in assisting the Bureau. He has been most careful to avoid conflicts with us but he definitely cannot be regarded as a friend and it would be to our disadvantage if he became Deputy Director, Plans. Amory is strongly disliked by many of the other officials such as James Angleton and Colonel Edwards.

ACTION:None. For your information. *132*

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